

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action and Applicants' priority rights, Applicants are not claiming priority of Japanese Application No. 2000-277652 filed September 13, 2000. Only the priority of Japanese Application No. 2000-130371 filed April 28, 2000 is claimed. See the Declaration filed in this case.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-5, 8, 11, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over WO 00/76980.

Claims 10, 14-16, and 18-20 are considered to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 8, 10, and 11 have now been amended to exclude the possibility of R³ being an amino group substituted with a lower alkyl group. It is believed this should avoid the above noted rejection over WO 00/76980 as set forth on page 3 of the Office Action.

It is believed claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, and 14-20 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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